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Interstate 5 Traffic Restrictions

REDDING – Motorists on Interstate 5 approaching the Sacramento River Bridges replacement project north of Anderson will be subject to one-way traffic controls beginning Tuesday night, October 2, at 8:00 PM. Construction crews and equipment from Shasta Constructors, of Redding, will begin placing new pre-cast concrete girders atop columns recently constructed between the existing bridges.

Both north and southbound traffic will be detoured at traffic control stations. Northbound traffic will be diverted to the southbound lanes over a newly constructed crossover that has been paved in the median sections on both ends of the bridges. Motorists will be led by a pilot car at a reduced speed through the work zone.

Workers and equipment will be in and around the construction zone Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Traffic will be controlled by lane closures in both north and southbound directions of Interstate 5 before reaching the pilot car station. Delays, if any, are expected to be minimal. Changeable message signs will alert motorists when approaching the work zones.

The setting of the new bridge girders is part of the initial phase of a projected three year long, \$16 million project, to replace the existing Sacramento River Bridges. This work will allow construction crews to proceed with building of the center portion of the bridge deck during the coming months. There are 60 pre-cast concrete girders, each weighing approximately 60,000 pounds and 50 feet in length, that will be moved to the bridge site and lifted by cranes to rest on the new support columns and temporary falsework between the two bridges.

Motorists are asked to reduce their speed and drive with caution when approaching the construction zone.

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